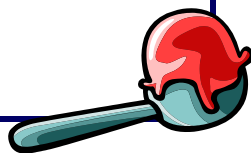


THE COUNTY SCOOP



Gallatin County

May 4, 2010

May is National Drug Court Month

On behalf of the Honorable Mike Salvagni, 18th Judicial District Court and the members of the Gallatin County Treatment Court Team, we wish to express our appreciation to the Gallatin County Commissioners for their unwavering support and by proclaiming May 2010, Drug Treatment Court Month.

Gallatin County's endeavors started with the planning of a drug court in 1998. In 1999, after receiving a grant, the newly formed Gallatin County Treatment Court moved into the implementation phase. In 2000 the first participant graduated from the Gallatin County Treatment Court. In 2004, the Gallatin County Commissioners approved funding and incorporated Treatment Court into the Office of Court Services.

The Gallatin County Treatment Court offers those involved with the criminal justice system an opportunity to address the underlying addiction problems that contribute to their criminality. Our team is dedicated to using evidence based practices to create an environment that promotes change. The Gallatin County Treatment Court also uses other resources such as our staff psychologist, the Gallatin County Re-Entry Program and other treatment providers and therapist in the community to assist with the myriad of issues so commonly experienced by the participants.

Since the start of the program, 246 people have been screened for the program. Of those screened, 167 were accepted. Many of those not accepted were eliminated because the Treatment Court is not designed to accept violent or sexual offenders.

Of the 167 participants accepted, 81 participants have graduated from this program. Of the 81 graduates, only 9 have committed new felonies in Montana. That means 89% of the graduates have not committed new felonies in Montana after graduating.

According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals fact sheet NADCP.org lists the following:

Drug Courts Save Money

Fact: Nationwide, for every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36 in avoided criminal justice costs alone.

Fact: When considering other cost offsets such as savings from reduced victimization and healthcare service utilization, studies have shown benefits range up to \$12 for every \$1 invested

Drug Courts Reduce Crime

Fact: Nationwide, 75% of Drug Court graduates remain arrest-free at least two years after leaving the program.

Fact: The most rigorous and conservative scientific "meta-analyses" have all concluded that Drug Courts significantly reduce crime as much as 35 percent more than other sentencing options.

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Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. —Helen Keller

Drug Courts Combat meth addiction

Fact: For methamphetamine-addicted people, Drug Courts increase treatment program graduation rates by nearly 80%.

Fact: When compared to eight other programs, Drug Courts quadrupled the length of abstinence from methamphetamine.

Fact: Drug Courts reduce methamphetamine use by more than 50% compared to outpatient treatment alone.

However, even with all the facts, the bottom line is that the Gallatin County Treatment Court saves lives. Through the program the graduates return to being good sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, and sisters and brothers and they become good employees and neighbors.

Steve Ette
Director of Court Services
Treatment Court Coordinator

“Friends of Treatment Court” – Make a difference!

In the short time that I have had the honor of being the Treatment Court Coordinator, I have been amazed at the selfless giving and sharing of this relatively unknown group of volunteers who call themselves the “Friends of Treatment Court”.

Since the Gallatin County Commissioners recently signed a resolution naming May 2010 Drug Court Month and this resolution provides praise to those professionals involved with the program, I find it only appropriate to provide praise to the many of nameless and selfless volunteers who give their time, donations and energy to Gallatin County’s Treatment Court.

Although Commissioner Joe Skinner, Glenda Howze and Crystal Turner are a couple of names that stand out in my mind as the organizers and facilitators of the “Friends of Treatment Court” program, there are many who remain nameless.

For those of you who many not know what the “Friends of Treatment Court” accomplish, here is an example. The “Friends of Treatment Court” provide new participants a survival kit. This survival kit is a backpack, an alarm clock, a day planner and lots of information concerning support groups and sober activities in the community. This survival kit is vital because many of the participant’s lives are driven by chaos and impulsivity. I find it is amazing that the generosity of the “Friends of Treatment Court” coincides with the moment the participants start the program.

The “Friends of Treatment Court” also sit in the court room to support the participants. Many have donated to “Blue Jean Fridays” or donated clothing, furniture, gifts, food or friendship. Whether it is a candy bar or a bag of beef jerky, a Christmas present or graduation present, their generosity and humanity has touched the lives of many.

It is equally amazing that the “Friends of Treatment Court” wish to give without expectation. Their selfless efforts and generosity teach the participants and all who witness the age old moral that; it truly is better to give than receive.

With that being said, on behalf of the Gallatin County Treatment Court Team, we wish to express our gratitude to all of the “Friends of Treatment Court”. It truly is an honor to be supported by so many. You are all worthy of our praise!

Steve Ette
Director of Court Services
Treatment Court Coordinator

THANK YOU TO THE TREATMENT COURT TEAM

Gallatin County wishes to express our deep appreciation to the Gallatin County Treatment Team for their never-ending contribution to Gallatin County’s Treatment Court Program. The success of each individual must be attributed not only to their own hard work, but to the tireless efforts of each team member. THANK YOU for all you do for the participants and for our community!

**Judge Salvagni, Steve Ette, Ryan Janes, Eric Kitzmiller,
Holly King, Katie Donath, Kirsten Mull-Core, Dr. James Murphey**

!!BABY NEWS!!

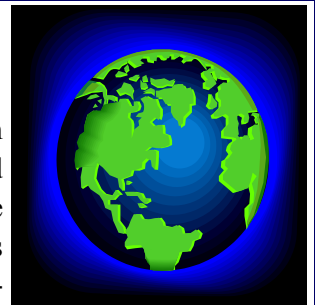
Congratulations to Crystal and Jared Turner on the birth of Samuel Caden Turner on April 10th! Samuel arrived weighing just 6lbs 5oz and was 20 inches long. Crystal is an Executive Assistant in the County Commission Office.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!!



2010 Intermountain GIS Conference

Special credit goes out to Gallatin County's GIS Department for their remarkable success in hosting the 2010 Intermountain Geographic Information Systems Conference which was held in Bozeman on April 12-16. More than 280 participants from 7 states, the Canadian province of Alberta and the District of Columbia descended upon Gallatin County for an event that was nothing short of a spectacular success. Sponsored by the Montana Association of GIS Professionals, this biennial conference offers a wide variety of learning experiences for practitioners in this rapidly changing technological field. The five-day conference featured three days of hands-on workshops, policy meetings, special presentations, and tours as well as training in database design, software applications and project management. In addition, the conference offered "Public Night" which was an especially appealing event in which local children and adults could learn about GIS. Participants enjoyed the "Night at the Museum" enormously and this event was held at the Museum of the Rockies. A number of participants brought family members with them to Bozeman, many vendors were involved in the conference and the event provided considerable economic stimulus for our area. Please take a moment to stop by and congratulate Allen, Frank and Jenny for bringing this great event to Gallatin County.



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BIGGEST LOSER RESULTS

Congratulations to Rhonda Hoyem, Clerk of District Court's Office, on winning the first phase of Biggest Loser! Rhonda lost 11.43% of her body weight over an 8 week period of time. Runners up were: Jennifer Azure (Rest Home), Sandy Schnurbusch & Mary Miller (Clerk & Recorder's), and Jolie Church (Clerk of District Court's). Stay tuned for the results of Phase 2 in the July edition of *The County Scoop*.



The Gallatin County Commissioners are pleased to Introduce Jenny Connelley as “Employee of the Month” in April

Congratulations to Jenny Connelley who was selected as the April Employee of the Month. Jenny works in the GIS Department and is recovering from the months of work preparing for the 2010 Intermountain GIS Conference that was talked about on page 3. The following is the response to a survey that Jenny completed.

What kind of work did you do before coming to Gallatin County? In a former life, I did dental assisting, bookkeeping and floral designing. I started in county government in 1996 in the Park County's Clerk and Recorder's office in the Recording Department. Shortly after my husband, Bryan, took the job with Belgrade Fire District, there was an opening in the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder's office, in the Elections Department. I worked in Elections for 3 years, before going to work at Security Title where I spent 6 1/2 years in the Research Department. After obtaining my Title Insurer's license, I went to Stewart Title as an Examiner trainee and spent 2 1/2 years there. On March 17, 2008, (I figured that had to be lucky!) I came back to Gallatin County as Administrative/Program Assistant for the GIS Department.

What do you like most about your job? I can't think of anything I don't like about my job...I learn something new every day, and Allen and Frank are very patient with all of my questions. Each of us in the GIS office have widely varied backgrounds and talents that compliment the others...we're a great team! There are so many different directions and possibilities with GIS that there aren't too many dull moments!

What is your favorite thing about working for Gallatin County? My favorite thing is probably the feeling that by working on addressing that we're making the county a safer place for people to live. I hope that what we do makes life easier for fire and emergency service responders, delivery people, and anyone who needs to know how to get from Point A to Point B. I enjoy my co-workers, inside and outside the GIS office. The benefits and job security are bonuses!!

FROM HER FRIENDS

Jenny worked tirelessly to assist with the planning and organizing of the 2010 Intermountain GIS Conference.

Jenny is always positive, always helpful, and always willing to go the extra mile on whatever project she is asked to assist on.

Jenny is a great asset to Gallatin County and a great friend to many!

What do you do in free time? Free time??? I'm on the Gallatin Valley Relay for Life Committee as the On-line chair and as the Team Captain of the County Team. My daughters and I will be participating in the Race for a Cure in Helena next month. I still keep my hand in floral designing by doing weddings for family members and close friends. I'm qualified to do Finance for fire crews. I serve as an election judge when needed. After 13 years, we're just about finished remodeling (rebuilding) our home in Belgrade. We like to go camping as often as possible. We love supporting the MSU Bobcats Football and Basketball teams. And, I'd like to have more time for genealogy and card-making.

Tell us about your family: I've been married for 28+ years to my high school sweetheart, Bryan. He's an Assistant Fire Chief with Central Valley Fire. We have 3 daughters. Wendy has been the high school math teacher in Richey, MT for the past 3 years, but has just accepted a job in Williston, ND where she'll be teaching Middle School math next year. Mandy is a Graphic Design Artist for Wilderness Adventures Press in Belgrade and works part-time at Murdoch's. Kaitlyn is almost 17 and is on track to graduate from Belgrade High School half way through her senior year next year. We currently have one very energetic Border collie, two cats and two turtles.

Congratulations, Jenny! Thank you for the great job that you do for the GIS Department and for Gallatin County. We appreciate you!

Blood Drive Results United Blood Services

THANKS to everyone that donated blood with United Blood Services on April 7th.

Every appointment was full and we collected 10 units of lifesaving blood for Bozeman Deaconess Hospital!

Great Job!!!

The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at the Courthouse and the Law & Justice Center.

SWIMMING UPSTREAM AWARD WINNERS

Nova Café, Bozeman

Three Forks High School FCCLA

Superintendent of West Yellowstone Schools, Brian Bagley

Bozeman Prison Ministry

The Salvation Army

Tom Stump, Director of University Auxiliary Services, MSU

Robert Putzke, Chief of University Police, MSU

Drew Ingraham, Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing, MSU

Jessica Betley, Bozeman Assistant City Attorney

Officer Nick Guthneck, Bozeman Police Department

Deputy Jim Anderson, Sheriff's Office

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The Quam Family

The Bozone

Gary Landers, Elite Towing

Half Moon Saloon

Officers Hal Richardson & Jeremy Tankink

Officers Tracy Senenfelder & Ben Green

Rosauer's

Rodney Golloway

Matthew Cyr, Michael Dunham &
Dennis Houska

**Thank you also to keynote speaker Judge John Brown
and organizers Jenna Caplette and Shelly Johnson!**

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Welcome to: Jacob Allmendinger, Emily Baldwin, Sophia Gable,
Kristen Orelup, Sandi Dieter-Linn

Farewell to: Rebekah Michael, August Pearsall, Evelyn Chidichimo, Phyllis Johansen

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Compost is organic material that can be used as a soil amendment or as a medium to grow plants. Mature compost is a stable material with a content called humus that is dark brown or black and has a soil-like, earthy smell. It is created by: combining organic wastes (e.g., yard trimmings, food wastes, manures) in proper ratios into piles, rows, or vessels; adding bulking agents (e.g., wood chips) as necessary to accelerate the breakdown of organic materials; and allowing the finished material to fully stabilize and mature through a curing process.

Lazy Person's Compost

Ingredients: green and brown yard waste, water as needed.

Directions

- In a heap, layer your yard waste as it accumulates. For faster composting, chip it up first.

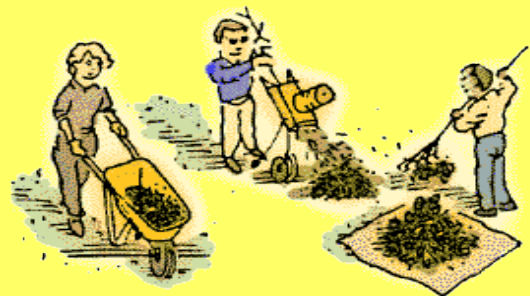
- Water so compost is kept as moist as a wrung-out sponge.
- In a year to 18 months, the material at the bottom and center of the pile will be dark, crumbly compost. Sift, and use the uncomposted material to start a new batch.

Fast Compost

Ingredients: green and brown yard waste, water as needed.

Directions

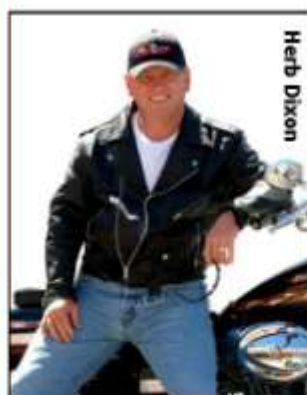
- Mix one part green yard waste with two parts brown to form a pile (an average size is 4' x 4' x 4'). For fast composting, chop it up first with a hoe or lawn mower.
- Mix in one inch of soil.
- Keep the pile as moist as a wrung-out sponge.
- Turn the pile every week to let air in.
- Finished compost will take between 4 weeks and 1 year, depending on how often you turn it and how well you maintain the moisture of the pile.



GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR



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 Additional Charges for
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Mud Bog-Sat 7/24



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 \$18 (Save \$5)

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91 days left until Relay! Dollars Raised: \$1,530.00

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Top Teams

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- 1 - [The Walkin' Billers](#) (\$445.00)
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- 3 - [Big Sky Western Bank](#) (\$170.00)

Top Participants

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- 1 - [Laurie O'Brien](#) (\$175.00)
- 2 - [Kathy Smith](#) (\$150.00)
- 3 - [Mindy Diggins](#) (\$150.00)

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Three ways to Sign Up

- Start a Team
- Join a Team
- Participate as a Survivor

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Three ways to Donate

- Donate to a Participant
- Donate to a Team
- Donate to the General Event

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Dedicate a Luminaria



The Luminaria Ceremony is the opportunity for people to come together to remember loved ones lost to cancer and honor those who have won their battle. This is one of the most moving parts of the event that you will not want to miss. Honor or remember someone at Relay For Life with a luminaria. [Learn More](#)

Survivor Information and Registration



Survivors are the reason we Relay. Survivors make up a group of nearly 11 million strong who are finding their way through the cancer experience and fighting back against the disease. At Relay For Life, Survivors are our guests of honor. [Learn More](#)

Team Captain Meetings:

Date:

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To register go to: Gallatinvalleyrelay.org

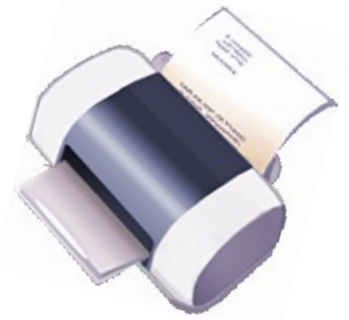
Click on: Join a team

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Questions: Contact Jenny Connelley at 582-3166 in the GIS Department



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The ITS Department has equipment available for check out to any County department. The equipment can be checked out for a limited time and for **County business only**. Please view the list of items that are available below.



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- Conference Phone
- Digital Camera
- DVD Player
- Inkjet Printers
- Laptop *
- Laser Pointer
- Projector
- PowerPoint-Presenter Remote
- Smartphone *
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